

Response to Restriction Requirement
Application No.: 10/762,056
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Applicants hereby elect Group I Claims 1-31. With respect to the Group II claims, this election is with traverse. The process of the Group II claims employs the catalyst composition of the Group I claims.

As MPEP § 803.01 states:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.

Applicants respectfully assert that the claims of Groups I and II are closely related and, as a result, the search and examination of all claims of the application can be made without serious burden.

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete response to the outstanding Election/Restriction requirement. Early and favorable consideration of the claims is requested. If the Examiner believes any informalities remain in the application which may be corrected by Examiner's amendment, or there are any other issues which can be resolved by telephone interview, a telephone conference to the undersigned attorney at (404) 879-2433 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffery B. Arnold", is written over a circular stamp that is partially obscured by the signature.

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